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Diversity Celebration Honors Health Care Trailblazers

Five African-American health care professionals were honored at the first "Celebrating a History of Diversity" event, inaugurated by the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS).

While the May event celebrated the cultural and ethnic diversity of all EACPHS alumni and friends, the awards presentation focused specific attention on EACPHS graduates who have made significant contributions in the professions of Pharmacy and Mortuary Science. Honorees were Sidney Barthwell, Sr.; James H. Cole, Jr.; Percy R. McClain, Sr.; Raymond E. Cantrell; and Elizabeth

Greene-Wize.

"We are excited about this inaugural event, which spotlights our culturally and ethnically diverse educational environment and the heritage of our college," said Dean Beverly J. Schmoll. "Three of our honorees, Sidney Barthwell, Sr.; James H. Cole, Jr.; and Percy McClain, Sr. are deceased; but their legacies continue to affect and influence our students in their educational and professional development."

At 90 years-of-age, Greene-Wize, president of Physicians Drug Center, Inc., near the Detroit Medical Center campus, and Cantrell,

age 87, president of Cantrell Funeral Home, are distinguished leaders within their health care professions and generous with their support to the college, added Dean Schmoll.

"I believe strongly that a multicultural society, such as ours, achieves the greatest benefits through multicultural institutions," said Dean Schmoll before an audience of approximately 140 alumni and friends. "So, to further perpetuate and promote diversity within our college, this past year I established a Diversity Task Force that evolved into our Diversity Advisory Board."

"Celebrating a History of Diversity" was an



Accepting the "Celebrating a History of Diversity" awards were (from left) Sidney Barthwell, Jr. and Akosua Barthwell Evans, PhD, JD, son and daughter of honoree Sidney Barthwell, Sr.; Elizabeth Greene-Wize; Raymond E. Cantrell; Karla M. Cole, daughter of honoree James H. Cole, Jr.; Florence McClain, wife of honoree Percy R. McClain, Sr. Dean Beverly J. Schmoll extended her congratulations.

evening conceived by the college's Diversity Advisory Board. The 16-member board is charged with recommending and implementing strategies

to build a culturally and ethnically diverse educational environment. Serving on this board are community leaders

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Electronic Recruitment Complements Info Meetings

An Online Chat Room is the college's latest electronic recruitment tool. Introduced this past December, it enables the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs to efficiently respond to the escalating number of telephone and email inquiries that follow the monthly EACPHS "Information Day" meetings.

Drawing 120 to 200 participants each month,

the information meetings introduce prospective students and parents to the educational opportunities available at the college and the more than 10 health care science programs. "The meetings generate more questions than can be answered within three hours," said Mary K. Clark, assistant dean of the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs. "The Online Chat

Room forum seemed to be the perfect complement to the information meetings. It also provides a communication link for prospective students who live in other geographic regions."

The first, two-hour online chat was with prospective Pharmacy students. It was a lively exchange with more than 80 prospective students receiving prompt and accurate responses from the EACPHS faculty, staff and students, recalled Clark.

A different EACPHS program is featured in the Online Chat Room on the second Wednesday of each month, following the information meeting. In addition to the four Academic Services Officers and three staff members from the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs, there are at least two representatives from the featured health



Mary K. Clark, assistant dean of Student and Alumni Affairs, moderates the monthly Online Chat Room, the college's newest electronic tool for recruitment.

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Diversity Scholarship Fund Announced

The EACPHS Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) is establishing an Endowed Scholarship Fund to encourage and support diversity within the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

"With the creation of this endowed scholarship, it is our hope to allow students the support they need to blaze their own trails in these vital health (sciences) professions," said Sidney Barthwell, Jr., DAB chair, who made the announcement during the "Celebrating a History of Diversity" program.

Providing the Lead Gift needed to establish the \$350,000 scholarship fund is Ronald Coleman, a DAB member and graduate from the Pharmacy ('68)

and Mortuary Science ('63) programs, "I am proud to be able to really show my belief in diversity at WSU's Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences," said Coleman, adding that the scholarship fund will "help prepare Detroit's finest asset . . . its children."

The college currently is raising funds to complete the Diversity Advisory Board Endowed Scholarship. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please contact our Development Director, Lisa Whitmore Davis, at 313/577-0273 or email her at aj2436@wayne.edu.

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Marguerite Carlton, director of development for the School of Social Work and University Library System; Tyrone Davenport, Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) member and chief operating officer of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History; Henry Stancato, senior attorney and Litigation Practice Group leader, Simon, Galasso & Frantz, PLC; and N. Charles Anderson, DAB member and president and chief executive officer, Detroit Urban League, were among the 140 guests celebrating our history of diversity.

Sidney Barthwell Jr., chair; N. Charles Anderson, Lomas Brown, Karla M. Cole, Ronald Coleman, Daisy Cordero, Tyrone Davenport, Xavier Green, Jerry Herron, Hassan Jaber, Larry Smith, and Nadine Tibbs-Stallworth as well as Dean Schmoll and EACPHS staff members Mary K. Clark, Amanda Snyder, and Lisa Whitmore Davis.

Summaries of the accomplishments of each honoree identify some of their trailblazing achievements in the health care sciences:

Sidney Barthwell, Sr. was a pioneer businessman, mentor, civic leader, philanthropist, social conscience and a benefactor for hosts of pharmacy students. A 1929 graduate of the Wayne State University (WSU) pharmacy program, he died June 2005 at the age of 99. Among his numerous accomplishments, Barthwell was the founder of what remains the largest chain of black-owned drugstores in the United States, opening his first store in 1933 during the Great Depression and providing work for many people who would not have had jobs otherwise. He was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention, president of the Booker T. Washington Business Association, a founding member of the Detroit Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, a board member of the Detroit Urban League, the Detroit Retail Druggists Association among others. In 1982, his daughter, Akosua Barthwell Evans, PhD, JD, chief executive officer of The Barthwell Group, which is a national management consulting firm, and a board member of the Yale Law School Fund, the American Folk Art Museum, the Babcock School of Management among others, established in honor of her father a Loan Fund for African-American pharmacy students at the college. Dr. Evans also organized the fundraising effort to establish an endowed scholarship fund honoring her father, which she continues to oversee. This scholarship has helped numerous African-American pharmacy students pursue their educational goals. His son, 36th District Court Magistrate Sidney Barthwell,



Dean Beverly J. Schmoll and Sidney Barthwell, Jr., chair of the Diversity Advisory Board (DAB), listen as Ronald Coleman, DAB member, talks about the establishment of the Diversity Advisory Board Endowed Scholarship to perpetuate diversity within our college.

Jr., a graduate of Harvard Law School, serves on the college's Board of Visitors and is chair of the EACPHS Diversity Advisory Board.

James H. Cole Home for Funerals is the oldest black-owned funeral home in Detroit. James H. Cole, Sr. started the business in 1919 on St. Aubin in an area known as the Black Bottom. In 1950, **James H. Cole, Jr.** earned a degree in Mortuary Science from the WSU Mortuary Science program, and joined his father. As the business grew, the funeral home was moved several times before settling in its present location at 2624 W. Grand Blvd. In the early 1970s, Cole Jr. thought it would be advantageous to open a second chapel on Detroit's northwest side at Puritan and Schaefer. While a good businessman, Cole was a funeral director who also was known for his excellent restorative skills. The college's Restorative Art Lab in the Mortuary Science building is named in honor of James H. Cole, Jr. In 1979, Karla M. Cole joined her father in the firm, making three generations of the Cole family in the business of serving the needs of the community. Karla M. Cole serves as an active member on the college's Board of Visitors as well as a member of the Diversity Advisory Board.

Percy R. McClain, Sr. was a licensed pharmacist and an adjunct faculty member teaching hospital pharmacy for more than 20 years at Wayne State University, where he earned a master's degree in hospital pharmacy in 1969. McClain began his professional career as a pharmacist/manager of a Barthwell's Drugs, Inc. store from 1954 to 1963. Throughout the various stages of his career, McClain inspired many young men and women to pursue a career in Pharmacy. His community practice experience included staff pharmacist at several Detroit hospitals, director of Pharmacy and Hospital Pharmacy Residencies at Children's Hospital of Michigan, director of Pharmacy at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, assistant administrator of Pharmacy



George Fuller, former dean of the college, congratulates Elizabeth Greene-Wize, one of five diversity celebration honorees. At 90 years-of-age, she is still a practicing pharmacist and president of Physicians Drug Center, Inc.

Services for Comprehensive Health Services; part-time pharmacist for Perry Drugs, Inc.; and Public Health Pharmacy Administrator, City of Detroit, from 1990 until his death in December 1995.

Raymond E. Cantrell is founder and president of Cantrell Funeral Home, Detroit, which he established in 1964. He is a supporter of the EACPHS Mortuary Science program, where he earned his degree in June 1952. His goal is to provide families in the metro Detroit area with personalized funeral service of which they can be proud and also meets their financial needs. Cantrell has a staff of 35 employees. He describes his funeral directors as "patient, compassionate, and understanding, but most importantly, knowledgeable of the product and services we offer." Cantrell continues to work daily at his funeral home providing services to his community and encouraging young men and women to pursue a career in Mortuary Science.

Elizabeth Greene-Wize, registered pharmacist and president of Physicians Drug Center, Inc., earned a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine in 1938 from Wayne State University. At that time, the WSU Medical School had a quota of one black student per year; a black male candidate was selected over her. With lack of funds to pursue a medical education out-of-state, Greene-Wize continued at the university earning a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1941. She was honored as a Pharmacy and Allied Health Distinguished Alumna in 1991 and established the Elizabeth Greene-Wize Pharmacy Scholarship in 1993 to provide assistance to African-American pharmacy students. From 1999 to 2001, Greene-Wize served as a member of the college's board which began the acquisition and construction of the college's current building.

College Update . . .

Joint Pharmacy Program Approved

In January, the Wayne State University Board of Governors approved a Joint PharmD/PhD Program in the Departments of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical Sciences. This joint program allows a student to complete both degrees, meeting all current requirements, in as little as seven years.

The Joint PharmD/PhD Program begins with admission to the four-year professional PharmD program. At the end of the second professional year, interested students commit to the Joint Degree Program. They then gain research experience under the mentorship of Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty members, while still in the

professional PharmD program. The Joint Degree Program facilitates the PharmD student's entry directly into the PhD program in the Pharmaceutical Sciences following receipt of the PharmD degree.

In their proposal, the Departments report a nationally diminishing supply of pharmacy graduates with formal training in graduate level research, which is producing a severely restricted pool of potential pharmacy faculty. It is hoped that our Joint PharmD/PhD Program will entice students to pursue a PhD and prepare for careers in academe.

'Cultural Competence' Builds Bridges

The EACPHS Cultural Competence Committee sponsored two interactive, thought-provoking programs. In February, the award-winning Michigan Public Television Production "The Hate Next Door" looked at race relations in Michigan today. In April, representatives from the Ann Arbor dialogue group Zeitouna responded to audience questions following the showing of clips from "Refusing to Be Enemies," a documentary profiling the

women's developing relationship over a four-year period. Six women of Zeitouna (Arabic for "olive tree") are of Arab descent and six of Jewish descent. In sponsoring these programs, the EACPHS Cultural Competence Committee works to perpetuate respect, understanding and dialogue between cultures in our college and the communities in which we live.



Committee Honored for Safety and Prevention

The 2007 University Safety Award was presented to the EACPHS Safety Committee for exemplary and dedicated service in the areas of personal safety and loss prevention. Automated electronic defibrillators (AED) were installed in both the EACPHS and Mortuary Science buildings as were security cameras and cages for ceiling-mounted projectors. The committee also was cited for its proactive approach to validate security and fire alarm systems and develop evacuation procedures. John Davis (left), vice president, Finance and Facility, presented an award plaque and individual certificates to (back, left) Tony Crawley, engineer, Facilities Operations; Michele Farrell Azuta, IT manager; Howard Normile, EACPHS associate dean; Homer L. Isaac, Jr., chair, WSU Loss Prevention Committee; (front row, left) Paula Walker, secretary, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences; Ramona Douglas, library assistant, EACPHS Learning Resource Center; and Faye Brown, secretary, Student and Alumni Affairs. EACPHS Safety Committee members not pictured are Ann Price, administrative assistant, Business Office, and Marla Stone, former business manager.



Pharmacy Offers Integrated Services

Dean Beverly J. Schmoll (left) was among the guest speakers at the April opening of a new Canadian pharmacy model. Rexall Health Centre in Richmond, ON, offers consumers fully integrated access to health care professionals, health education and clinical services all under one roof. Pictured with Dean Schmoll are Dr. Judith Bercuson, Health 1st Medical Centre; Dr. Kuldip S. Kular, Parliamentary Assistant, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; Mayor Dave Barrow, City of Richmond Hill; Lalihta Raman-Wilms, director, Division of Pharmacy Practice, and associate professor, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto; and Andrew A. Giancamilli, CEO, Katz Group Canada Ltd/Rexall. Giancamilli is a 1973 graduate from the WSU Pharmacy program.

Save the Date

October 26, 2007

EACPHS Alumni Reunion



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science program, including one faculty member and one current student, responding to questions. Students can access the chat room from our website at www.cphs.wayne.edu/stuaff/livechat.php.

The Online Chat Room also is being used to interact with various groups of current EACPHS students. The first of four scheduled chats for newly admitted students was planned for June. "This provides an opportunity for new students from all programs to interact with each other, to ask questions on coming to WSU and Detroit, discuss housing options or seek roommates as well as to exchange other pertinent information," explained Clark.

Alumni are welcomed to join in the chat between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time), the second Wednesday of each month. Check our website to view scheduled chats by program at www.cphs.wayne.edu/stuaff/livechat.php. "Your experiences and input are valued and greatly appreciated," said Clark.

Correction: Under "Alumni Notes" in the Fall/Winter 2006 edition of Synergy, Velma L. Ward should have been listed as graduating from CLS/MT class of 1953.

Faculty and Staff Distinguished Activities

Awards

The Pharmacy Class of 2007 elected **Linda Jaber**, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, Roche Preceptor of the Year.

In the Occupational Health Sciences (OEHS), Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences, four faculty earned the prestigious Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society (MIHS) Golden Impinger Award, which the MIHS presented for the first time in March. The award honors Michigan Industrial Hygiene professionals who have made significant contributions to the field. The charter awardees are: **Leonard Jensen, Edward Kerfoot, Gene Kortsha, and Gerald Sattelmeyer.**

The Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists presented the Innovative Practice Award to **James S. Kalus**, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice. He received the 2006 honor for his contributions in leading the non-traditional residency team at Henry Ford Hospital.

Cathy Lysack, associate professor in the Occupational Therapy program, Department of Health Care Sciences, and the Institute of Gerontology, was elected

into the American Occupational Therapy Foundation's Academy of Research. This distinction recognizes her work on the social, cultural and environmental factors that can facilitate or restrict community participation and social inclusion of older adults and persons with disabilities in society.

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Board of Directors approved the nominations of **Sarunas S. Migela** and **Roger L. Wabeke** as Fellows. Part-time faculty members in the Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences (OEHS) program, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences, the two were being honored at the AIH Conference and Exposition, Philadelphia, in June. This brings the total to five AIHA Fellows on the EACPHS faculty, placing OEHS as one of the premier programs in the country.

The Academic Staff Professional Development Committee (ASPDC) recognized **Amanda Snyder**, academic services officer in the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs, with an Outstanding Contributor Award during the 19th annual ASPDC Awards Ceremony in April. She was cited as a dedicated student advocate with strong leadership skills providing many contributions to the college and the university

as well as participating in 11 local, regional and national conferences and seminars. In addition, WSU President Irvin D. Reid appointed Snyder to serve on the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

The Michigan Colleges Professional Experiential Programs (McPEP) Committee, a group consisting of faculty from Wayne State University, Ferris State University and the University of Michigan, was honored with the 2006 Professional Practice Award from the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists. This award recognizes the group's efforts to collaborate with the Michigan Pharmacists Association and to ensure that colleges of pharmacy are meeting the needs of health systems. Representing our WSU college in McPEP are Department of Pharmacy Practice faculty members **Carol Bugdalski-Stutrud, Richard Lucarotti** and **Geralynn Smith.**

Boards

Anjan Kowluru, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and career scientist at the John Dingell VA Medical Center, has accepted a third term (to December 2009) serving on the editorial board of the *American Journal of Physiology: Endocrinology and Metabolism*. He also accepted an appointment to serve on the editorial board of the journal *Biochemical Pharmacology*.

Michael J. Rybak, associate dean for research and professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, has joined the scientific advisory board for Ceragenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company focused on infectious disease and dermatology.

Mary Beth O'Connell, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy

Practice, was appointed to the editorial board for the *Pharmacotherapy* journal. She also will be one of four editors on a new pharmacy textbook, *Women's Health Across the Lifespace: A Pharmacotherapeutic Approach*, to be published in late 2008 or early 2009.

Grants

The International Society of Oncology Pharmacy Practitioners (ISOPP) awarded one of two 2006 Research Grants to **Rami B. Ibrahim**, adjunct assistant professor in the Pharmacy Practice Department. He received the award for his project proposal "An evaluation of cefepime disposition during a plasma exchange." Ibrahim's research is being conducted in collaboration with several researchers including **Raymond Cha**, assistant professor, and **David J. Edwards**, chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice.

Anjan Kowluru, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, is the recipient of a \$1 million research grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease of the National Institutes of Health. The award provides support over the next four years, beginning Aug. 1. His research focuses on identification of specific protein activation, which appears to be essential for glucose to stimulate insulin secretion from the pancreatic beta cells.

In addition, Kowluru also received a \$50,000 grant from the Children's Hospital of Michigan and Grodman Cure Foundation for his studies on regulation of islet beta cell function by glucagons-like peptide-1.

Mary Beth O'Connell, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, received \$2,500 in funding from the WSU

Faculty Global Grants program for her proposal "Global Awareness Initiative - Student of Medicinal Plants and Culture I Amazonia."

The Review Committee of the WSU Division of Research recommended that **David Oupicky**, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, receive \$93,196 for his research proposal "Synthesis of biodegradable block copolymer prodrug DNA micelles."

Service Anniversaries

40 years - **R. Elaine Ellis**, senior program records clerk, Office of Student and Alumni Affairs; **Teresa Palka**, administrative assistant II, Dean's Office.

25 years - **Adam Kempa**, program director, Radiation Therapy Technology, Department of Health Care Sciences.

20 years - **Susan Talley**, program director, Physical Therapy, Department of Health Care Sciences; and **Marla Stone**, former administrative manager, Business Office.

15 years - **David J. Bassett**, professor, Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences.

10 years - **Faye Brown**, secretary III, Office of Student and Alumni Affairs; **George Corcoran**, chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences; **Stephanie Gilkey**, program director, Physician Assistant Studies, Department of Health Care Sciences; **Doreen Head**, assistant professor - clinical, Occupational Therapy, Department of Health Care Sciences; **Fredrick Pociask**, assistant professor - clinical, Physical Therapy, Department of Health Care Sciences; **Denise Rhoney**, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice.

Appointment . . .

Edward Kerfoot is the new director for the Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences (OEHS) program, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences. He has been associated with the university for the past 34 years, 21 of those years with the college. In addition to his responsibilities as OEHS director, Kerfoot is an associate professor teaching applied industrial and clinical toxicology,

University of Toledo, Ohio; a master's degree in Community and Agency Counseling from Wayne State University; and a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University, Ohio. Her current professional affiliations include the



Anita Knight

Services Unlimited, Inc. in Southfield. She is a graduate of Henry Ford High School, Southfield, and attended Wayne State University, majoring in social work.

Michael G. Stephen

is research grant administrator working with the associate dean for research. He joined the university in October 2004 as an accountant. One year later, Stephen was a budget analyst,

National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals, Society of Advancement of Chicanos & Native Americans in Sciences, and the American Public Health Association.

Candis D. Harris joins the college as secretary for Human Resources. Her past work experience includes secretary for the Turner Chapel CME Church in Mt. Clemens and 10 years as an administrative assistant for the City of Mount Clemens. Harris currently



Candis D. Harris

attends Baker College in Clinton Township, studying for an associate of business degree as an administrative assistant / secretary. She holds a certificate of completion from the Administrative Assistant Academy.

New Faculty and Staff . . .

Mary K. Clark is assistant dean of Student and Alumni Affairs. Prior to joining the college in November, Clark was the director of Student Services for the School of Public Health, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She earned a doctorate degree in Higher Education Administration from the

Anita Knight is office services clerk in the Business Office. She brings more than 12 years experience in the administrative/secretarial field to the position. Prior to joining the college, Knight worked as an administrative assistant for Snelling Staffing Services in Livonia, and Personnel



as a help desk operator, technician, database and web application developer. Swift holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University, where he was a member of the Epsilon Pi Tau Technological Honors Society and on the Dean's List.

Nancy Vandewiele Milligan is academic fieldwork coordinator and assistant professor in the



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Occupational Therapy program, Department of Health Care Sciences.

In addition to her faculty position, Vandewiele Milligan is an independent case manager consultant on auto no-fault catastrophic injury cases for automobile insurance companies in Michigan since 1996. She also serves as communication director for the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association and is involved in the association's efforts for state licensing of occupational therapists. Vandewiele Milligan has more than 27 years experience in all levels of occupational therapy education. She earned her bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from Eastern Michigan University, master's degree in Allied Health Teacher Education from the University of Michigan, and her doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale.

Aaron M. Swift is systems integrator in the computer technology area of the college. Joining Wayne State University in 2005, he worked in the School of Business Administration



Michael G. Stephen

a position which he held until accepting his present responsibilities in December. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, and a Masters in Business Administration, majoring in accounting and finance, from Wayne State University.

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Promotion . . .

David Oupicky, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, achieves tenure and promotion to associate professor, effective Aug. 17.

In the News . . .

Christine Ford, secretary in the Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences, was among WSU employees featured as unsung heroes in the online magazine Life@Wayne (Volume 3 Issue 33). Despite her battle with breast cancer, Ford continues to be the driving force behind the EACPHS Social Amenities Committee. For the past six years, she also has taken on the responsibilities of raising funds, shopping and delivering holiday gifts to the college's adopted families.

Michael Stephen, research grant administrator, is an expert on containing gas costs. He was cited in the Feb. 22 and April 2 editions of the *Detroit News* for riding the bus to/from work. With only one car in his family, Stephen figures taking public transit saves about \$400 a month in car payments, parking, gas and insurance.

Alumni . . .

Laura Ramus (PT '87) was featured in a Feb. 11 edition of the *Detroit Free Press* "FIVE THINGS: About a healer." A physical therapist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, she was cited for her work in sports medicine. She is athletic trainer and physical therapist for the WNBA championship Detroit Shock. Other sports teams with which she has worked are the Detroit Lions, Red Wings, and Tigers.

Matt Rost (Mort Sci '97), a funeral director at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, MI, was among those featured in "Business Lives...Section" of *Crain's Detroit Business* May 7-13. A funeral director by profession, Rost also is drummer in the rock 'n' roll band The Muggs.

April 1 edition of the *Charlotte (FL) Sun* carried a story on **Harold Tayler** (Pharm '50). The article related how the WWII vet landed with the 6th Marine Division on April 1, 1945 and survived the next 60 days on Okinawa and the taking of Sugar Loaf Hill.



In December, Louis R. Amundsen, professor in the Physical Therapy program, Department of Health Care Sciences, retired after more than 10 years of service. From 1994 to 2003, he chaired Physical Therapy. Faculty and staff honored Amundsen at a January reception, presenting him with a basket of specialty beers to satisfy the pallet of a connoisseur.



The Physical Therapy program sponsored a clinical education symposium "Creating a Clinical Curriculum for Physical Therapy Students" in May. The course was designed to provide ideas and tools for organizing and enhancing the physical therapy clinical education experience. Speaker was (left) Heidi Dunfee, PT, CCCE of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, and co-chair of the Clinical Education Special Interest Group, American Physical Therapy Association. Dean Beverly J. Schmoll and Susan Talley, director of the Physical Therapy program, Department of Health Care Sciences, welcomed Dunfee to the college.



Occupational Therapy (OT) inaugurated its annual CPR Training Event in memory of Nicholas James Lindsay, son of Ruth Foster-Lindsay, program/project director, EACPHS Human Resources. Nicholas was 15 years-old when he died of cardiac arrest in February 2004. Joseph Pellerito, Jr., OT program director, and student Caitlin Carroll (right) presented a plaque to Foster-Lindsay to mark the occasion.



It was a busy spring for the Nurse Anesthesia (NA) program, Department of Health Care Sciences. The graduating class of 2007 sponsored the 25th annual Anesthesia Seminar in March. "A View of Global Anesthesia" covered such topics as endovascular procedures, army anesthesia, easing chronic pain, politics and practice, volunteering and a panel on challenging clinical cases. In April, John Garde, CRNA, MS, FAAN, founder of the college's Nurse Anesthesia program more than 40 years ago, lectured here to NA students of EACPHS, Oakland University and (via telecommunications) Hurley Medical Center. Pictured are (from left) Prudentia Worth, NA program director; Garde and Valdor Haglund, an NA assistant professor - clinical.

The 10th graduating class from the Physician Assistant Studies program, Department of Health Care Sciences, was celebrated with a continuing education seminar. Following presentations on the controversies regarding specialty recognition and doctorate-trained physician assistants by James F. Crawley, MPH, PA-C from George Washington University, faculty, alumni and guests enjoyed a "Wine Down" reception.



Group Works to Re-energize Constituent Alumni Association

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) has re-established its college-wide Constituent Alumni Association.

With the presence of this group, the college can now be an active member on the Wayne State University Alumni Association (WSUAA) and have representation on the WSUAA Board of Directors.

During the group's first meeting on April 30, Dean Beverly J. Schmoll outlined the primary goals for the constituent association, which include increasing active alumni membership, establishing and supporting

professional development programs for current EACPHS students, planning special events such as the EACPHS Annual Alumni Reunion on Oct. 26, and providing regular communication on alumni events through appropriate media channels.

Current members of the EACPHS Constituent Alumni Association representing their respective disciplines are: Nancy Vandewiele Milligan, faculty Occupational Therapy; Diane Moric, Anatomic Pathologists' Assistant (2003); James G. Stevenson, Pharmacy (1980); Jamye D. Cameron, Mortuary Science (1998); Joe Lechanski, Medical Technology/Clinical Laboratory Science (2002); Phil Mangahas,

Nurse Anesthesia (1979); and student representative Josh Raub in the Pharmacy program. Ex officio members from the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs are Jennifer Moore, Gwen Butt and Mary K. Clark, assistant dean.

All health sciences programs are expected to have representatives. At the time of this newsletter's publication, not all had been selected. If you are interested in becoming involved in the EACPHS Constituent Alumni Association or have questions, please contact the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs at 313/577-1716 or email at cphsinfo@wayne.edu.

An IRA rollover reminder just for you!



On August 17, 2006 President Bush signed the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA 2006). After two decades of efforts by a coalition of charities, Sec.1201 of that bill permits current gift IRA charitable rollovers. Rollovers during 2006 or 2007 maybe made in any amount up to \$100,000 and shall be called "qualified charitable distributions."

To qualify for the Pension Protection Act of 2006:

- You must be at least 70-1/2 years of age (Birth Date of June 30, 1936 or before) and have a regular or Roth IRA (If you have other retirement fund assets that you want to use, you may be able to transfer those assets into an IRA and then distribute your gift from the IRA).
- Transfers must go directly from your IRA to Wayne State University to avoid being included in your Adjusted Gross Income.
- Gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per individual, per year.
- This possibility currently exists only for 2006 and 2007.

For more information on the Pension Protection Act or for assistance in your gift planning, please visit us at wsugifts.org or contact the Wayne State University Planned Gifts Office at (313) 577-6481 or toll-free at (877) 978-4438.

Student Accomplishments

Brianne Deeds, Anatomic Pathologists' Assistant program, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences, received a National Student Honor Award from the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). The award recognizes her collective and outstanding academic achievement and leadership activities in the medical laboratory sciences.

Pharmacy students **Prabha Dhanapal** and **Brittany Brand** were awarded WSU Campus Life Leadership Awards. The award recognizes the year-long achievements of students who positively impact student life and growth at Wayne State University and the Detroit community.

The Association for Prevention Teaching and Research and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, selected Physician Assistant Studies students **Stephanie McKinney** and **Melissa Sanko** to participate in the 6th annual Paul Ambrose Scholars Program this summer in Washington, D.C. Objectives of the program are to provide leadership training and education in public health, prevention, health care policy and medical and health

sciences education and to cultivate student leaders capable of expanding the focus of health professions education.

Raghda Jajo, Radiation Therapy Technology; **Megan Johnson**, PharmD; and **Melissa Moincolin**, Physical Therapy, received David Adamany Alumni Association Scholarship Awards. The scholarship program recognizes the importance of student activities to both a student's educational experience and campus life. The awards are intended to encourage student leaders to become the alumni leaders of tomorrow.

This past November, **Nicole Pinelli**, 2007 PharmD graduate, received the Rowe Award for excellence in academics, leadership and professionalism at the District IV meeting of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy/American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, which was held here.

Stacey Schepens, research coordinator of the EACPHS Physical Therapy Mobility Research Laboratory and a PhD student, was awarded a National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Aging predoctoral fellowship in Aging and Urban Health. This supports her doctoral studies for up to four years and gives her the opportunity to receive interdisciplinary training in aging. Her mentoring

team at the college is **Allon Goldberg**, associate professor in Physical Therapy, and **Cathy Lysack**, associate professor in Occupational Therapy, both in the Department of Health Care Sciences.

The American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) recently notified **Tracy L. Spiess** that she is the recipient of a \$2,500 International Conference Funeral Service Education Board (ICFSEB) Scholarship. This is the second consecutive year that one of our Mortuary Science students has been honored by both the ABFSE and the ICFSEB. **Leah Steinke**, student in the Doctor of Pharmacy program, presented her research project at the WSU Undergraduate Research Conference.

EACPHS Chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) received the National Innovative Programming Award at an APhA-ASP ceremony in Atlanta. The chapter was recognized for its Hepatitis C awareness program that was conducted in WSU campus residence halls. Pharmacy student **Shannon Tetreault** provided leadership for the project as APhA-ASP chapter president.



During the 2007 Donors & Scholars Luncheon in May, 67 students were awarded approximately \$80,000 from 25 scholarship funds. Some of our generous donors (front row) pose with student scholars who were recognized at one of our college's most celebratory events.



Raymond Cha, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, took a pie-in-the-face to help the EACPHS Chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) raise funds to send students to the APhA national conference in Atlanta. Josh Raub, P-2 resident, earned the honor among the students. Both brought in the most cash votes among faculty and students. The APhA-ASP chapter raised a total of \$500. Others volunteering were David Edwards, department chair, and Richard Lucarotti, professor - clinical, Department of Pharmacy Practice; and David Oupicky, assistant professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Pharmacy students Natalie Pawl and Shannon Tetreault also participated in the fund-raising event.



Lambda Kappa Sigma fraternity promotes the profession of pharmacy among women and encourages a high standard of professional ethics and scholarship. Among its activities, the EACPHS group observed Hygeia Day (March 28) with a WSU campus-wide public health awareness program on lupus. On Wednesdays in February, the fraternity promoted "Wear Red for Women" to raise awareness "to improve heart health and live stronger, longer lives." Members of the fraternity pictured here are (from left, back row) Brittany Brand, Jessica Gherardini, Deanna Buchner, Stephanie Grimaldi, Caroline Brubaker, Elizabeth Hitchcock, (from left, front row) Zhaniala Nence, Angela Michael and Jenna Bernabei.



Anisha J. Kuvadia (left), post professional in the Master of Science program in Occupational Therapy (OT), Department of Health Care Sciences, took Best Poster Presentation at the 13th annual Del Harder Rehabilitation Research Day, May 4. Under the guidance of OT faculty advisor Gerry E. Conti (right), assistant professor, Kuvadia studied "Difference in Whole Arm Reaction Time in Young Adults." Dean Beverly J. Schmoll congratulated Kuvadia and all EACPHS Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy students and faculty who participated in this year's event.

Scholarships Nurture Health Professionals

During the past year, donors' generosity established five scholarships to impact the future of health care professionals in our college. Two scholarships are in memory of EACPHS students whose lives were cut short. Three scholarships are named after a former Occupational Therapy (OT) chair.

In May 2005 Lara M. Rutan earned a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies (PAS). President of her class, she is remembered as a people person who exhibited a positive attitude and an infectious joy and love for life. Lara was an advisor in her educational and employment experiences. She was employed as

a Physician Assistant at Eastside Cardiovascular Medicine in Roseville, MI. Two days after taking the State Boards and one month after her engagement to be married, Lara's life was taken tragically by a drunk driver in September 2005.

Her parents, Judy and Richard Rutan, and their family established the Lara M. Rutan, MS, PA-C Endowed Scholarship Fund to assist PAS students. The scholarship has two components: The first is an endowed scholarship fund to recognize scholastic achievement and provide financial assistance. The second component is a non-interest bearing "emergency loan fund" to help PAS students with unplanned or unforeseen emergency expenses, such as overdue rent, auto repairs, day care expenses, etc.

A former OT chair and the first deputy dean of the college, Martha E. Schnebly enjoyed mentoring students and promoting evidence-based research before it was popular. Through the establishment of three endowed funds, Dr. Schnebly's professional legacy and generosity continue to help students and advance our OT program. The Dr. Martha E. Schnebly Endowed Research Fund, the Dr. Martha E. Schnebly Visiting Lecturer Award and the Dr. Martha E. Schnebly Endowed Scholarship recognize student's scholastic achievement,

encourage continued progress and provide financial assistance in pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy.

The Rachael M. Duffy Memorial Endowed Scholarship was created through the many generous gifts from faculty, staff, students, friends and family of Rachael. She was a third-year pharmacy student when she died suddenly from what doctors' attributed to a blood clot. Born with a congenital heart defect, Rachael at four years-of-age underwent open heart surgery which helped to extend her life. Until her death at the age of 23, she tried to help others extend their lives as she raised donations and participated in the annual Heart Walk.

In memory of Rachael, Dean Beverly J. Schmoll directed a \$20,000 gift from Bristol Myers Squibb along with the other contributions to establish The Rachael M. Duffy Memorial Endowed Scholarship to aid a student in our Pharmacy Practice program.

Your generous gift, added to these new scholarships or our other existing scholarships, could make a positive impact on future EACPHS pharmacists and health care professionals. To learn how you can make a difference to our college or university, please contact Lisa Whitmore Davis, EACPHS development director, at 313/577-0273 or www.giving.wayne.edu.

In Memoriam . . .

Kathryn M. Beattie (CLS/MT '44) died Feb. 9 at the age of 84. She resided in North Palm Beach, FL, since retiring from the American Red Cross.

Michael M. Birach (Pharm '50) died Apr. 12 at the age of 79.

Thomas J. Corkery (Mort Sci '54) died Nov. 4 at the age of 76 in Houston, TX.

William J. Duross (Mort Sci '56) died Mar. 20 at the age of 71. He was former owner of Wm. J. Duross Funeral Home, Inc., Warren, MI.

James Edward Facen, Sr. (OT '56) died May 15. Hanley Abramson, a former EACPHS dean and professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, worked with Dr. Facen in the WSU Provost Office for several years. He remembers him as a "true gentleman, who will be sorely missed by those who knew him."

Anthony Filippis, Sr., EACPHS friend, died Jan. 23 at the age of 91. Mr. Filippis helped to build Wright & Filippis into the state's largest supplier of home health care products and services. His daughter Nancy Hakala is a member of the EACPHS Board of Visitors.

Ann Partyka Kaspers (Pharm '47) died Feb. 28.

Kathleen Kintzle (Pharm '73 and '76) died Jan. 25 of ovarian cancer. A resident in the Greenville, SC, area, she worked as a nutritional health counselor, researched ovarian

cancer and educated women throughout the community to its signs and symptoms.

Stuart Kenneth Neumann, designer of the EACPHS building, died Jan. 19 of cancer at the age of 67. He was the founder and head of the Southfield-based (MI) Neumann/Smith Architecture.

Earle W. Mott, Jr. (Mort Sci '47) died Jan. 20 at the age of 87. Mr. Mott taught mortuary management and business administration at Wayne State University from 1947 to 1962. He also worked at his father's funeral home, Bird-Mott Funeral Home on the Grand Blvd. in Detroit. As director, Mr. Mott moved the home to Fenkel in 1965. The building was sold in 1987; the business was later re-established as Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Walter D. Pool, MD, died Mar. 4 at the age of 95. Dr. Poole was founder and acting director of the WSU Mortuary Science program for 40 years. He began teaching pathology in 1939. He retired in 1979.

Robert A. Williams (Mort Sci '61) died unexpectedly Dec. 18 at the age of 69 in Delton, MI. Mr. Williams and his wife Patricia (Bell) purchased the Henton Smith Funeral Home in Delton in 1961 and operated it as the Williams Funeral Home for more than 34 years, before retiring in 1999.



In memory of their daughter Lara, Judy and Richard Rutan established a scholarship fund to assist students in Physician Assistant Studies (PAS). The couple (left) are pictured here with Stephanie Gilkey, PAS program director, Department of Health Care Sciences.

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